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(PRAVDA Editorial: "Under the Banner of the Great October")

(Text) Ten months remain till the 50th anniversary of the Great October. This historic event, the birth of the world's first socialist state, will be solemnly marked by the working people of all countries, together with us.

Yesterday the decision of the CPSU Central Committee on preparations for the 50th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution was published. It profoundly reveals the vast importance of the forthcoming jubilee for our country, for all progressive mankind, and for the revolution education of the masses. The October Revolution opened up a new era in world history, the era of the downfall of capitalism, and turned the destiny of mankind toward socialism.

V.I. Lenin wrote soon after the victory of the October armed uprising: The history of mankind in our time is making one of its most difficult and great turns, which has immense--and one can say without any exaggeration a worldwide, liberating--importance. We have established and consolidated the Soviet Republic, a new type of state immeasurably higher and more democratic than the best of the bourgeois parliamentary republics. We have established a dictatorship of the proletariat supported by the protest peasantry and have started the widely-thought-out system of socialist transformation. We have awakened the belief in our strength and lit the fire of enthusiasm among millions upon millions of workers in all countries. We have sent out everywhere the call of the international workers' revolution. We have challenged the imperialist carrion of all countries.

The development of mankind during the past 50 years has taken place under the sign of the triumph of the ideas of the October Revolution and the greatest revolutionary accomplishments, which have radically changed the sociopolitical map of the world. The 50th October anniversary is a festival of the victories of communism, Marxism-Leninism, the great ideals of the workers movement, the ideals of proletarian internationalism, and the friendship of peoples.

In preparation for this holiday, as always, the Soviet people in all their deeds and thoughts turn their eyes to the Communist Party, to Vladimir Ilich Lenin, with whose name the October Revolution and the struggle for the victory of socialism and communism are linked. The great continuer of the cause of Marx and Engels, the founder and leader of the Communist Party and the Soviet state, the fighter for the unity of the international communist movement, Lenin, gave all his strength, his brilliant intellect, to the cause of revolution and to the struggle for the working people's happiness.

Our party and the Soviet people, as they move to meet the 50th anniversary of Soviet power, express again and again their love for Vladimir Ilich, their unshakable resolve to fulfill sacredly his behests, and to (increase) and augment the gains of October.

Today one can see in all their magnificence the results of the truly gigantic struggle and the unprecedented social and economic transformations accomplished by our people, headed by the Communist Party during the past decades.

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At all stages of the development of the Soviet state--in the struggle for the victory of proletarian dictatorship, in the carrying out of the industrialization of the country and Lenin's plan for cooperation in the countryside, in the building of socialism, and in military trials--our people have displayed self-denial, revolutionary organization, tenacity, conscientious discipline, and purposefulness.

We have covered a great historical road. The decisions of the CPSU Central Committee state that this is a road from the landowner-capitalist order to radical socialist transformations, to a society to which exploitation is alien; from the political lack of rights of the working people to socialist democracy; from national oppression of the people to their freedom and equality, friendship, and fraternity; from technical and economic backwardness to modern industry and mechanized collective agriculture; from illiteracy to the unprecedented development of general education, science, and culture.

The full and final victory of socialism in the USSR and the transition to the building of communism is the most important result of the revolutionary transformations in our country. The working class and all the working people of the USSR, having built socialism, have gained the greatest social rights and opportunities. Rights to work and rest, free education, medical services, and pensions have become natural and normal things for our people. Socialism has rid the working people of unemployment, arbitrary rule, and poverty, and has raised high their sense of civic dignity and honor. The Soviet order has proved to be a great school for bravery and the tempering of youth and has insured the economic and political equality of women.

Everything that has been achieved in our country is a result of the creative thought and selfless labor of the working class and the entire Soviet people, guided by the Communist Party. The teaching of Marxism-Leninism on the historic role of the working class in the accomplishment of revolution and the building of socialism has been fully confirmed in practice.

The working class is the most advanced and leading force of Soviet society along (?its) road to communism. In the common struggle for the building of socialism the alliance of workers and peasantry has become stronger and more consolidated. The collective farm peasantry is fighting with tireless energy in order to multiply the riches of the society. The Soviet intelligentsia also worthily serves the people.

The names and deeds of the glorious fighters and toilers of the motherland have entered forever its heroic annals. In our hearts the memory of the revolutionaries, bolsheviks, and Leninists who perished in tsarist prisons and exile will always be sacred--the memory of the people's heroes of the socialist revolution and the Civil War. The glory of the sons and daughters of the people, who won and defended the Soviet power, the socialist system, and the freedom and independence of the fatherland will not fade. The deeds of those who with their labor have multiplied and are multiplying the material and spiritual riches of Soviet society will live through the centuries. The great feat of our people will always be an example for rising generations, for all those who have chosen the road of freedom.

The Soviet society was formed and strengthened in bitter class fights. The working people of our country had to overcome many barriers and carry on their shoulders (?all kinds of) difficulties. The party and people have known both the joy of great victories and the grief of losses, temporary failures, and mistakes. Our party and people came out of all these trials even more hardened, more strong, and with an unshakable revolutionary optimism and confidence in the victory of the great communist cause.

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The results of the half-century of the development of the country of the Soviets show that without a party armed with the scientific theory of Marxism-Leninism the victory of the working class and the building of socialism would be impossible. Life has fully confirmed the correctness of the road pursued by the Soviet people under the leadership of the Communist Party. Our party is carrying high the great banner of Lenin. Having accumulated very rich experience in leadership of communist construction, in its internal and external policy it constantly develops and enriches the theoretical heritage of Marx, Engels, and Lenin and confidently leads the country along the Leninist course.

The preparations for the jubilee of Soviet rule will be marked by the further cohesion of the people around their own party. On the eve of the glorious 50th anniversary of the October Revolution, the astonishing acuteness of Lenin's conclusion that history since October 1917 is accomplishing one of its greatest turns, of world-liberating significance presents itself to mankind in all its depth and force.

The October Revolution provided a mighty stimulus to the revolutionary movement, united in a single stream the struggle of the proletariat and other revolutionary forces for socialism with the struggle for the oppressed peoples against the national-colonial yoke, and had a great revolutionizing influence on the peoples of the world. It laid the foundation for revolutionary changes in all parts of the world. Socialist revolutions were victorious in many countries of Europe, Asia, and also in Latin America, in Cuba. The creation of the world system of socialism is the continuation of the revolutionary renewal of the world started by the October.

Sacredly fulfilling its international duty, our Communist Party is exerting all its efforts to strengthen the cohesion and might of the socialist system, the cohesion of the international communist movement on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. The Soviet Union is in the front rank of the struggle against imperialism. Our people are rendering fraternal aid to the heroic Vietnamese people, who are fighting against American imperialism, and making a major contribution to the cause of the struggle of the working people for freedom, peace, and social progress.

We are internationalists and know thoroughly the force of proletarian solidarity. Welcoming the 50th October anniversary, our party and the Soviet people are expressing their feelings of profound gratitude to the international working class, to the working people of the entire world, for the support which they have rendered to the country of the Soviets since the first days of the revolution and are still rendering. The militant call "Hands off Soviet Russia" has become a symbol of international unity of proletarians during the Civil War and the foreign intervention. The Soviet people have enjoyed the constant support of the working people of all countries during the period of socialist construction. We shall never forget the courage and heroism of the participants in the antifascist struggle, which has become inseparably linked with the Great Fatherland War of our people against the Hitlerite invaders.

The growth of the international revolutionary movement and the sympathy and support of the working class and the working people of the entire world for the country of the Soviets inspire our people in their struggle for the victory of communism.

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Reviewing with pride the years of struggle and toil, we look at the same time into the future. The best way to mark the anniversary of the Great Revolution, V.I. Lenin pointed out, is to concentrate attention on unsolved problems. The party is true to its Leninist tradition. Supported by mighty and productive forces created in the country, the Soviet people are struggling with all their might and persistence for the implementation of the plans outlined at the CPSU congress.

Our prospects are grandiose. During this five-year plan, on the basis of the introduction of new methods of management, we will have to increase considerably the effectiveness of public production. We shall develop industry, science, and technology, build new factories and works, advance agriculture, and increase labor productivity. All this is done in the name of strengthening the might of the socialist motherland, in the name of man and for his good and happiness.

Every day which brings us closer to the important event brings news of new labor victories. The CPSU Central Committee has approved the initiative of the working people's collectives for the development of socialist competition in honor of the 50th anniversary of October. The successes of the front-ranking workers will be crowned by the banners of the CPSU Central Committee, the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, the USSR Council of Ministers, and the AUCOTU.

The party, administrative, trade union, and Komsomol organizations must carry out great organizational work. Every collective, rayon, and oblast must have a concrete plan of preparation for the holiday. All political work is called upon to further the continued development of the glorious revolutionary and labor traditions of our people, of socialist patriotism and internationalism, and the education in high moral qualities among the working people. In the press, on the radio, and on television, in all propaganda work, it is essential to profoundly reveal the world-historic significance of October and the revolutionary reforms in our country, its influence on world processes and the victory of socialist revolutions in other countries. It must show widely the radical advantages of socialism over capitalism, represent glorious revolutionary activity of the Communist Party, the achievements of the Soviet state and social system, and the friendship of the peoples of the USSR. It must raise people to new labor feats.

Our people have entered the jubilee year full of creative strength. The slogan of the CPSU Central Committee, to mark the forthcoming jubilee of Soviet rule with new successes in the development of socialist industry and a strengthening of the economy of collective and state farms, by the acceleration of scientific and technical progress and the enrichment of the spiritual culture of the Soviet society, and by the defense of the socialist conquests of the people, is addressed to the men and women workers and agricultural workers, to our intelligentsia, to Soviet soldiers, and to the women and youth.

Welcoming the glorious 50th October anniversary, the Soviet people, by their creative labor, will augment still more the might of the socialist fatherland and achieve new victories in the implementation of the great plans of communist construction determined by the party program and the decisions of the 23d CPSU Congress.

With each new success scored by us, the banner of the Great October soars still higher. Its ideals and deeds, the great ideals of communism, live and are victorious!